

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Marie Alma Maynard was born April 22, 1904, to Claude and Gertrude (Preston) Maynard at Orient, South Dakota, one of 10 children; and,

*Whereas*, Marie married Clarke Edwards on November 21, 1923, in Dupree, South Dakota, and to this union four children were born: Ray, Gaylord, Shirley, and a son lost at birth; and,

*Whereas*, Marie and Clarke farmed and ranched near Dupree; and,

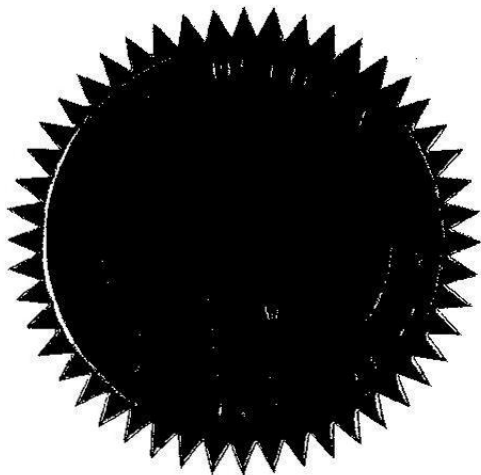
*Whereas*, Marie is a member of the Royal Neighbors of America, a lifetime member of Lonetree Extension Club, and Dupree Senior Citizen Center, and her hobbies include gardening, canning, making afghans, mittens, and hats for her 10 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and 12 great-great-grandchildren; and,

*Whereas*, Marie now resides in Pierre, South Dakota, and will observe her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather at an open house on April 24, 2004, to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

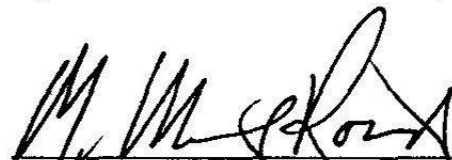
*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 24, 2004, as

### **MARIE EDWARDS DAY**


in South Dakota, and I join her many friends and family in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State